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PATENT APPLICATION

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In re Application of: )  
: Examiner: A.M. Mirza  
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Application No.: 09/675,002 )  
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Filed: September 29, 2000 )  
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For: DATA PROCESSING )  
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Commissioner for Patents  
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STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Sir:

This communication summarizes the discussion between the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application and the undersigned representative that occurred on April 1, 2005.

The Examiner and Applicant's representative discussed the outstanding rejection of claims 1-24 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over U.S. Patent No. 5,796,633 (*Burgess et al.*) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,101,500 (*Lau*). Applicant's representative explained that *Lau* merely lists different operating systems and does not disclose or suggest a data processing apparatus having first discriminating means for discriminating, from a plurality of computers, a licenser computer having a license server function for issuing a predetermined license to at least one of the data processing apparatus and any other of the

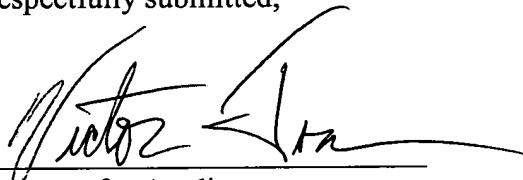
plurality of computers; and first control means for controlling the licenser computer discriminated by the first discriminating means such that the licenser computer may be identified from other devices on the virtual system display screen, as set forth in Claim 1.

The Examiner disagreed and maintained the Section 103 rejection.

As such, no agreement was reached with respect to the pending claims.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

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